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DISCHARGED BY THE OPTICAL FIBER FUSION SPLICER**

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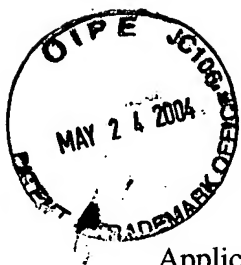
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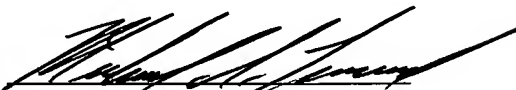
Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2004. The Office Action entered a restriction requirement between Invention I, Claims 1-2, drawn to an optical fiber splicer and Invention II, Claim 3, drawn to a discharge beam estimating method.

In response, Applicants elect Invention I, Claims 1 and 2, for prosecution in this application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
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